Basic Park Regulations

The Code of Federal Regulations and the Park Compendium provide a listing of park rules and regulations.

- **36 CFR parts 1-199** pertains to all National Park areas.
- **36 CFR part 13** pertains to all Alaska National Park areas.
- **36 CFR part 13.65** pertains to Special Regulations of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.
- The **Park Compendium** provides a listing of regulations under the discretionary authority of the superintendent.
- Other regulations, such as coast guard boating rules and state fishing and hunting regulations, may also apply.

*Note: the free **Adobe Acrobat** reader is required to view the Park Compendium.*

Some regulations are subject to change. **Click here** for press releases and other Glacier Bay News.

Natural and Cultural Features

Do not destroy, injure, or remove plants, rocks, feathers, occupied shells or other features. **Only the collection of the following is permitted**: unoccupied seashells, all edible berries and fruits, edible mushrooms, and clams or mollusks taken in accordance with state regulations.

The harassing, injuring, or killing of any wildlife is prohibited. Help wildlife remain wild by never feeding any animal, including squirrels and gulls.

Possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or otherwise disturbing cultural and archeological resources is prohibited.

Closures

Some areas are closed or restricted because of bears, nesting bird colonies, feeding humpback whales, or other wildlife activity. Check on closures at the Visitor Information Station before heading up-bay.

Driving in Glacier Bay

Speed limits and all other state traffic laws are enforced on roads within Glacier Bay National Park.

Pets

Pets must be leashed or physically restrained at all times. They are allowed only in parking lots, roadways, within 100 feet of roadways, or on boats. They are not allowed on trails, beaches, or anywhere in the backcountry, with the exception of pets that remain on board private vessels on the water.

Firearms

Firearms are prohibited in Glacier Bay National Park, unless they are unloaded, inoperable, and inaccessible and stored within a vessel or vehicle. They may also be secured at the Visitor Information Station for the duration of your stay.

Weapons are allowed only in the Preserve and the new park addition. Hunting is prohibited except in the Preserve with an Alaska hunting license.

Sport Fishing

Sport fishing requires an Alaska state fishing license, available during the summer months at Glacier Bay Lodge. See the Alaska **State Fishing Regulations**. Also, please note vessel entry **permit requirements**.

Aviation

Helicopter landing within the park is prohibited. Fixed wing aircraft must fly at an altitude of at least 500 feet. Float Plane access to the **Public Use Dock** is permitted. Aircraft are restricted to use of the designated aircraft float and are limited to three hours in any 24-hour period. Pilots must remain with aircraft or provide notice of their location to a park ranger.

Recycling

We encourage all campers and boaters to separate waste into the bear-resistant receptacles near the Visitor Information Station. Dumping of refuse brought into the park by anyone other than private campers and boaters is prohibited. *This requirement is intended to ensure the refuse handled by the park is generated by activities occurring within the park.*

Backcountry Regulations

Permits are required for overnight camping within the park. **Click here** for more information and regulations regarding camping and backcountry use in Glacier Bay.

Vessel Regulations

Permits are required for recreational boating in the park from June 1 through August 2. **Click here** for more information and regulations regarding vessel use in Glacier Bay proper.